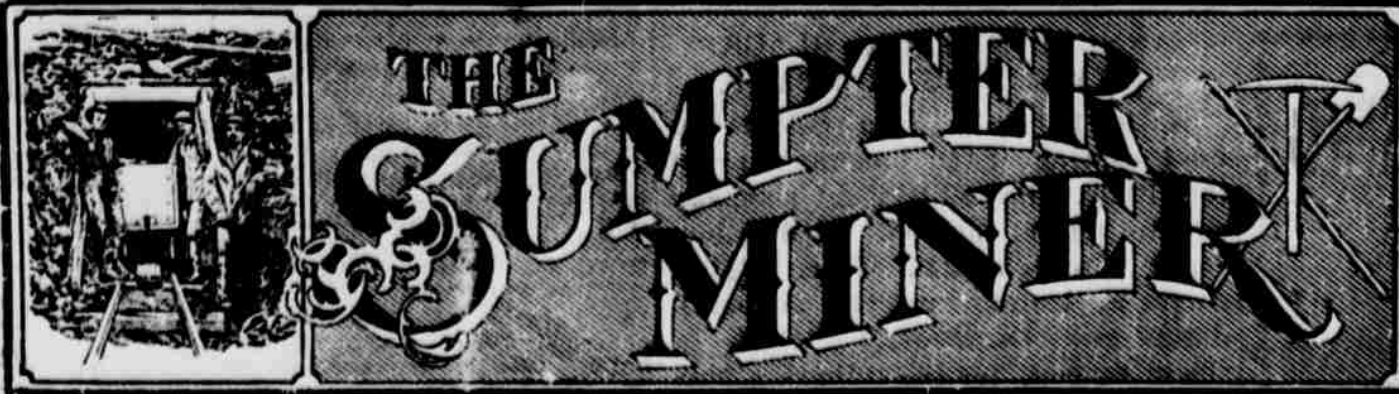


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"BALLIET'S GREAT STORY, THE GRAFTERS"

"The Wasp" is the name of a paper just started in Des Moines, Iowa, the first issue of which, dated May, has been received at The Miner office. The colored front page tells the story of the want it proposes to fill. It says:

"Letson Balliet's great story, 'The Grafters,' begins in this issue. The most daring exposure of mining operations ever attempted by any other.

"Perjury. 'I solemnly swear that I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God,' and then they lied.

"To My Friends:—I am not interested in, nor employed by any mining company that is advertising stocks for sale nor sending out circulars or reports of any kind; I have no stocks for sale myself nor for anyone else. Neither do I receive any commission nor salary from any person nor company selling stock. I am at present engaged in writing my book 'The Grafters,' which I hope to make so valuable that it will become a text-book, both for the use of mining men and investors in stocks and bonds. The book will be published by chapters in this paper and later, if successful, will be bound in book form. The story is practically finished, and is now being revised and corrected. I expect to deliver the manuscript to my publishers in a week or two and will then return to California, where I have been offered a position as superintendent and manager of one of the largest producing mines in the state. For the next few weeks I will be pleased to hear from any of my friends, and will give them any advice and suggestions that I may be able to give. It would be a great satisfaction to me if you would subscribe for this paper and read my story, and I feel certain that you will find it to be valuable to you in dollars and cents, also in information.

"I have been accused of almost everything by my enemies, but I ask you to wait the completion of my story and see some of the startling revelations contained therein before you render a verdict. During the past ten years that I have worked daily among the mines I have become familiar with the business and methods of the legitimate and illegitimate, and I may be able to give a few personal suggestions that would hardly be embraced in a general work like 'The Grafters,' hence I invite correspondence.

"LETSON BALLIET,
"Civil and Mining Engineer, Des Moines, Iowa."

And yet The Wasp is filled with advertisements of the Gladiator Gold Mining and Milling company.

We are now showing the very best of everything in groceries at John's store.

Men's shirts, very fancy, latest styles, at John's store.

IRON DYKE TROUBLES ARE NOT YET ENDED

"One hundred thousand dollars,"

Such was the bid submitted by State Senator John L. Rand at the sheriff's sale of the Iron Dyke mine in Baker City last Tuesday.

The bid was made with as nonchalant an air as though Senator Rand were merely bidding for a box of cigars.

No other bids were submitted and it was believed that at this sale of the property, its troubles would end and that the Erie men would at once resume active operations, coincident with the commencement of construction of the partially completed Northwest railway from Huntington down the Oregon side of Snake river to the mine. From an authoritative source it is learned that such hopes are not well founded. Colonel Emmett Callahan, the Baker City attorney, who represents Reed, the former owner, and Mrs. Florence Shatto, who holds control of the stock in the old Iron Dyke company, has already instituted a suit in the United States court at Portland, praying for six million dollars damages from Conrad, Curtze, et al., alleging fraud and collusion on their part in securing judgment against the mine. Rosenzweig, a Hebrew lawyer of Erie, is named as the principal instrument employed by the alleged conspirators. Rosenzweig is accused of acting as the property, which is supposed to have a value of four or five million dollars, was knocked down to Senator Rand, who represents the judgment creditors against the old Northwest Copper company, the Iron Dyke Mining company and the Northwest railway company.

The property was sold under a decree of foreclosure, issued out of the circuit court of Baker county last summer, which decree was enjoined from execution by the sheriff by the federal court of New York, and later by the federal court of Oregon, in ancillary proceedings.

The gentlemen who are now holders of the record title to the Iron Dyke mine and railway property are Conrad, Curtze and others, of Erie, Pennsylvania. The judgments held by them amount in the aggregate to close to one-quarter of a million dollars. The original mortgage, signed by Charles M. Reed, bankrupt son of the late multi-millionaire, General Reed, amounted to \$166,000. Notes, I. O. U.'s and verbal promises to repay money advanced for operation brought the grand total to \$250,000, attorney for Conrad, Curtze, et al., while being the retained attorney and counselor for Reed.

It is also further learned that Mrs. Shatto, who has stood by Reed all through the various troubles undergone by the Iron Dyke company, is preparing to herself be plaintiff in a suit for recovery of her share of the

Iron Dyke stock.

Curiously viewed, there appears no immediate prospect for a settlement of Iron Dyke troubles.

Speaking of the sale, the Baker City Democrat says:

The long advertised sale of the Iron Dyke mine, and the Northwest railway, has been made by Sheriff Brown through Deputy Snow in front of the court house at Baker City in the presence of a throng of people, most of whom were mere curiosity seekers. The only interested parties in the case who were present were Mr. Conrad, of Erie, Pennsylvania, one of the plaintiffs in the foreclosure suit, his attorney, L. Rosenzweig and John L. Rand, their local attorney.

It took the deputy sheriff about half an hour to read the description of the property and when he called for bids for the whole property, but one bid was offered, that made by Mr. Rand for his clients of \$100,000. The property was knocked off to them at that price and the incident was closed.

In an interview, Mr. Rosenzweig stated for his clients that nothing would be done with the property at present, as some other matters remain to be adjusted. It is understood that the defendant company and Charles M. Reed and Mrs. Shatto, who claim an interest in the property, have about 60 days in which to redeem from this sale. There are now pending one or two other suits between the parties which may or may not be settled by that time.

When these matters are straightened out, if the purchasers remain in possession, they expect to reopen the property on a large scale and complete the building of the Northwest railway. It can be added that the total debt foreclosed and interest and costs of the decree amounted to about \$200,000. It is safe to assume that before the close of the season there will be activity again throughout the Iron Dyke camps.

Killian Coming Soon.

A private letter received Sunday from D. L. Killian, written in Chicago, states that he hopes to be in Sumpter at an early date. He will come out with his associates in the Sumpter-Bourne railroad enterprise just as soon as they can arrange to leave their private business.

New Machinery for the Standard.

A shipment of machinery, consigned to the Standard mine, at Quartzburg, is somewhere en route between Denver and Sumpter. The shipment consists of a gasoline engine, dynamo and four electric drills. Their arrival is daily expected.

THE COLUMBIA MINE RESUMED OPERATIONS

The Columbia mine and mill resumed operations Thursday, after a brief shut down, ordered by Owner Backus and General Manager Baillie as a result of the issuance by the circuit court of Baker county of an injunction against the Columbia company, restraining it from further operation of the Tabor Fraction mine, owned by the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, and turned over to the Columbia on a royalty agreement. At the time of the issuance of this injunction, the official announcement was made by the Columbia company that all operations would cease until such time as the matter in litigation was settled. Thursday's resumption leads to a belief that some sort of an agreement has been reached between the contending parties.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Jno. W. Mitchell et al to Luzara Gray, 40 acres in N.E. ¼, S. 32, T. 7, R. 46; \$1100.

W. H. Gilbert et al to Wm. Pollman, undivided ½ interest in 130 acres in S. 15 and 22 T. 9, R. 40; \$196.

Chas. A. Frederick to Wm. Pollman, ¼ interest in 56 acres in S. 22, T. 9, R. 40; \$280.

B. W. Leven and wife to Mrs. Lavina Shinn, fractional lots 9 and 10, block 15, Leven's addition to Baker City; \$10.

Lavina Wisdom to J. T. Wisdom, same; \$250.

W. J. Patterson et al to Walter J. Burns, 382½ acres in S. 35 and 36, T. 8, R. 40, and in S. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23 and 24, T. 9, R. 40; \$19211.

More Elmer et al to W. J. Patterson, S.W. ¼, S. 15, T. 9, R. 40; \$1.

A. H. Phillips and wife to Zack Morris et al, S. E. ¼, N. W. ¼ and 60 acres in N. ½, S. W. ¼, S. 36, T. 7, R. 38; \$100.

C. L. Palmer and wife to L. L. Foster, lot 9, block "N," M. E. Place's addition to Baker City; \$1.

W. W. Stalker and wife to Nancy Pancake, 13200 square feet in N. W. ¼, N. E. ¼, S. 17, T. 8, R. 6; \$100.

J. W. Stuchell and wife to D. O. Bounds, lot 4, block 8, J. H. Parker's addition to Baker City; \$1.

D. O. Bounds et al to J. W. Stuchell, same; \$1.

John Henderson and wife to Frank McAllister, S. W. ¼, S. 27, and N. E. ¼, S. E. ¼, S. 28; T. 6, R. 39; \$5300.

Our spring stock is arriving every day now. Come in and see new lines at John's store.

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